

Minutes of April 2, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; members present were Tara White & Nathaniel Yohalem.

The meeting minutes of March 16th executive session were accepted as amended.

The meeting minutes of March 26th were accepted as amended.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report, Mr. Yohalem inquired about the Septic Loan Account which seems to have been overdrawn. The matter will be forwarded to the Town Treasurer for review and action.

Peter Scala appeared before the Board as both a resident and as Fire Chief to voice his concerns about the condition of Canaan Southfield Road. Mr. Scala would like to request that any money not used in the Winter Roads Account be transferred to the Roads & Bridges Account. Mr. Yohalem asked the Highway Superintendent for his thoughts on the matter. The Superintendent advised that it would cost about \$85,000.00 to regrind the road and another \$385,000.00 to lay a base and top coat and would be agreeable to such a transfer. It was noted that any accounts with money left over at the end of June will be closed to the General Fund and become part of the Free Cash. The Board reviewed and discussed whether to place a transfer article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant or on a Special Town Meeting Warrant. Peter Scala stated that Canaan Southfield Road is used more often with the bridge on Hadsell Street being closed and the condition of Canaan Southfield Road is getting worse. It was noted that any transfer of funds should be made to an account that specified Canaan Southfield Road rather than just to the Roads and Bridges Account.

The Board inquired as to the status of the grant for radios for the Fire Department. The Chief advised that he hasn't received any notification yet. He also pointed out that all fire/rescue/police/highway radios will have to be reprogrammed by the end of December, 2012 in order to be compliant with federal mandates. He estimated the cost for New Marlborough would be around \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

The Board announced that they received a letter from Kolburne School stating that they will be closing the school has of June, 2012. They currently staff 148 employees. The Chair will contact the director to set up a meeting to go over what the school plans are for the buildings/property.

The Board advised that a subcommittee will be set up by the School Committee. The subcommittee will discuss the idea of setting up an ad hoc committee on the Community School issue and present their findings to the full school committee for a meeting scheduled on April 12th. Any person who is interested in serving on the ad hoc committee should get a letter of interest in to the sub-committee.

Mr. Yohalem advised that there is a Homestead Act that is for residents 62 years or older to protect their homes from lawsuits, that the form is easy to complete, the fee is \$35.00 and is filed with the Southern Berkshire Registry of Deeds.

The Board announced that there will be an informational meeting on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for people to review and discuss FY13 budgets.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant